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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

European Search Report issued in connection with European Patent Application No. 03005958.8-2307.

- 1. JP 57-87340
- FR 1 298 834
- 3. DE 43 31 207
- 4. FR 1 364 095

References FR 1 553 319, U.S. Patent No. 3,080,610, and DE 197 03 628 were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed August 21, 2000.

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